

Remarks

The present amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 41.39(b)(1) in view of the Examiner's Answer mailed October 18, 2007. The Examiner's Answer included a new ground of rejection, specifically the removal of the rejection of claims 3-4. Therefore, under 37 C.F.R. §41.39(b)(1), Applicants, submit the following reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 with an amendment within the two-month response period, ending December 18, 2007.

Applicants also acknowledge that this filing, under 37 C.F.R. §41.39(b)(1) is to be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal.

Claims 1, 9 and 16 have been amended to recite the limitation previously recited in claim 3, wherein these elements are indicated as allowable by the Examiner in the Examiner's Appeal Brief of October 18, 2007. These amendments do not add any new matter. Specifically, claims 1, 9 and 16 are amended to recite that "the indexing act includes assigning to the token a location within the index corresponding to part of the page being indexed that is allocated for tokens having a higher degree of importance than other tokens in the same page."

Regarding the Examiner's assertions in the Reply Brief, Applicants respectfully traverse and submit that in view of the present amendment, the appeal is currently moot.

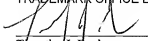
Applicants present for examination amended claims consistent with the Examiner's indicated allowability of the elements previously recited in claim 3. In view of adding these elements to the independent claims, Applicants submit that all claims are allowable in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,112,203 ("Bharat") because Bharat fails to

identically disclose, teach or suggest all of the recited claim elements, including the elements previously recited in claim 3. This position is additionally supported by the Examiner's withdrawal of the rejection in the Examiner's Reply Brief dated October 18, 2007.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully solicited. To expedite prosecution of this application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any issues relating to the present application.

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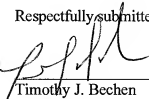
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